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To whom it may concern,

We would like to express our opposition to the application of the General Plan Amendment #24-02, S Utilization Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development #20, Minor Use Permit #24-13, Site Plan #551 Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1332 and Environmental Review Checklist @24-25, initiated by Eric Gonsalves, on behalf of Yosemite 1380 LLC, property owner.

We vehemently oppose the General Plan Amendment designation from Commercial Office (CO) to Business Park for 2.72 and from CO to High Medium Density (HMD) residential for the remaining 4.48 acres. We vehemently oppose Site Plan Revision of the land use designation within P-D #20 from Commercial Office to Self-Storage for 2.72 acres and CO to Residential for the remaining 4.48 acres. We vehemently oppose the Minor Use Permit that would be for interface review to allow commercial development adjacent to or across from Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone as well as the Site Plan Review Permit that would allow the development of a self-storage facility (approximately 500 storage units). We oppose the vesting of the subdivision map that would divide the lot proposed for the self-storage from the residential lots to create the 41 single-family lots.

We oppose the application that involves the request to establish a self-storage facility and to create a residential subdivision consisting of 41 lots on the two parcels that total approximately 8.05 acres. These parcels are generally located on the southwest corner of East Yosemite Avenue and Parsons Avenue. Specifically, the property is described as Lots A and B, as shown on the map entitled "Oakmont Village Unit No. 5" recorded in Volume 46, Page 38 of Merced County Records, also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 006-050-068 and 006-050-072.

When we built our home on Ahwahnee Court in 2017, we chose that area because we loved the location and had an expectation that the vacant lot "Oakmont Village Unit NO.5" was designated exclusively for CO, not an overcrowded 41 unit HMD tract and an unsightly 500 unit self-storage. The development of such projects would cause an otherwise quaint family friendly slice of Merced to be a noise ridden construction zone adding non-stop traffic to streets already at max automobile traveling capacity. This pleasant neighborhood is the place we sought to invest not only our heart and soul into but the bulk of our retirement capital as well. Us, alongside all the neighbors we have spoken to, do not want these projects to ruin the lives we built in this community. We have lived most of our lives in Merced, invested heavily in this community, and paid taxes here for decades. We feel that moving forward with these projects is a betrayal to not only ourselves but our community as well.

Please take our opposition into consideration of this matter and do not capitulate to the greedy interests of Yosemite 1380 LLC. The owners of that business knew the property was zoned for commercial office use when they purchased it, and they should not be given special privileges to disturb this property because of their connections. We will be contacting our local, state, and federal representation to express our opposition to these projects as well as encouraging our neighbors to do the same.

Regards,
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